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The Rule Of Faith In Our Personal Convictions

Conviction — a belief or opinion that is held firmly

Everyone should have some kind of “**Convictions**” in their life. It has been said that if we do not stand for something, then we are subject to fall for anything.

When it comes to “**Christian Convictions**”, it must be that we seek to please our Lord Jesus by our convictions. So if we must please Jesus, we call this seeking to live by faith. When we love someone, we try to please them. Here, we are trying to please Jesus. Listen to these verses of Holy Scripture:



Romans 14:17-23 KJV For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost**. 18 For he **that in these things** serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. 20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence. 21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. 22 **Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.** 23 And **he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

Serving God is not a bunch of religious do's and Don'ts, but — “**...righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost**” **Romans 14:17b** As long as we seeking to please God and to be led by His Holy Ghost, then there is much freedom for the believing Christian. I remember a few years back when the Holy Ghost asked me to allow my beard to grow. This took sometime to get used to and even now, there are times that I am tempted to shave it of. One day, about one month ago, I had said to my Lord that I was thinking of shaving and He said in that still small voice, “Don’t you want to look like me?” Well, my friends, how can you say to the one who gave His life for you, no? I decided that if my beard made Him feel better, then I would not shave it off. **Isaiah 50:6 KJV** **I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair**



But there are those that say that Christian men should not or should have a beard. These religious zealots make no room for the leadership of God’s Holy Spirit! Christianity is not a rules kind of thing, but a personal relationship with one’s lord. It is up to our God as to what He asks from each of us. It really is no one’s business but you and your Lord. This is called a personal salvation relationship.

Romans 14:1-8 KJV Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputations. 2 **For one believeth that he may eat all things:** another, **who is weak, eateth herbs**. 3 **Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not;** and **let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth:** for God hath received him. 4 **Who art thou that judgest another man's servant?** to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. 5 **One man esteemeth one day above another:** another **esteemeth every day alike.** **Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.** 6 **He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord;** and **he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it.** He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for **he giveth God thanks;** and **he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not,** and **giveth God thanks.** 7 **For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.** 8 **For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.**

Romans 14:17 KJV **For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; (or days — Romans 14:5-6) but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**